

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-13, 15-17, 25 and 36-47 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuing application. Please amend claims 23 and add claims 48-62 as follows.

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

Claims 15-17 (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A stool, comprising:

(a) a seat;

(b) a base having a front end and a back end, said base being elongated from the front end to the back end and defining a longitudinal axis;

(c) a post connecting said seat to said base;

(d) a stabilization structure positioned rearward of the post;

said base including a first contour located forward of said post, said first contour having a first convex curvature in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis for allowing side to side pivoting;

said base including a second contour extending a direction along the longitudinal axis for allowing front to back pivoting;

said stabilization region configured to stabilize said stool by limiting side to side pivoting when said stool is upright without interfering with forward pivoting, and without limiting side to side pivoting when said stool is pivoted forward.

20. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 19, wherein said seat is elongated traversely to the longitudinal axis of said base.

21. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 19, wherein said seat is shaped such that a seated user's center of gravity is positioned rearward of said post.

22. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 19, wherein said stabilization structure comprises a flattened region.

23. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The stool of claim 1~~ A stool comprising:
a) a base having a front and a back corresponding to a front and back of the stool, respectively, wherein the base is elongated from the back to the front along a longitudinal axis, wherein the base has a convex bottom surface that defines an upwards extending nose at the front of the base;
b) a seat; and
c) a post connecting the base and the seat;
d) wherein the base tapers from a first width located rearward of the post to a second, narrower width located forward of the post.

24. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 23 wherein the base includes a continuously narrowing taper from the first width to the second, narrower width.

25. **(Cancelled)**

26. (Previously Presented) A stool comprising:
(a) a base having a width and a length, the length extending from a front end to a back end, the length being greater than the width;
(b) a seat;
(c) a post connected to the base and the seat;
(d) a first contour that extends across the width of the base, the first contour including convex portions on left and right sides of the post; and
(e) a second contour that extends along the length of the base, the second contour including front and rear convex portions located forward and rearward of the post.

27. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 26 wherein the seat has a front and back corresponding to the front end and back end of the base, respectively, and first and

second sides adjacent the front and back, wherein the seat is elongated from the first and second sides, wherein the seat is elongated transverse with respect to the length of the base.

28. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 27 further comprising handles positioned at the first and second sides of the seat
29. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 27 wherein the seat is contoured.
30. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 26 wherein the front end is rounded and extends upwardly.
31. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 30 wherein the base includes a non-slip bottom surface at the front end.
32. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 31 wherein the non-slip bottom surface of the base at the front end further comprises discrete protrusions.
33. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 26 further comprising a hole at the back end of the base for hanging.
34. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 26 wherein the width includes a primary width located rearward of the post and a secondary, narrower width located forward of the post, the length of the base being greater than both the primary and secondary, narrower widths of the base.
35. (Previously Presented) The stool of claim 34 wherein the base tapers from the primary width to the secondary, narrower width.

Claims 36-47 (Cancelled)

48. (New) A stool, comprising:

(a) a seat;

(b) a base having a front end and a back end, said base being elongated from the front end to the back end and defining a longitudinal axis;

(c) a support structure connecting said seat to said base;

(d) a stabilization structure;

 said base including a first contour having a first convex curvature in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis for allowing side to side pivoting;

 said base including a second contour extending a direction along the longitudinal axis for allowing front to back pivoting;

 said stabilization region configured to stabilize said stool by limiting side to side pivoting when said stool is upright without interfering with forward pivoting, and without limiting side to side pivoting when said stool is pivoted forward.

49. **(New)** The stool of claim 48, wherein said seat is elongated traversely to the longitudinal axis of said base.

50. **(New)** The stool of claim 48, wherein said stabilization structure comprises a flattened region.

51. **(New)** A stool comprising:

a) a base having a front and a back corresponding to a front and back of the stool, respectively, wherein the base is elongated from the back to the front along a longitudinal axis, wherein the base has a convex bottom surface that defines an upwards extending nose at the front of the base;

b) a seat; and

c) a support structure connecting the base and the seat;

d) wherein the base tapers from a first width located at the back of the base to a second, narrower width located at the front of the base.

52. **(New)** The stool of claim 51 wherein the base includes a continuously narrowing taper from the first width to the second, narrower width.

53. (New) A stool comprising:

- (a) a base having a width and a length, the length extending from a front end to a back end, the length being greater than the width;
- (b) a seat;
- (c) a support structure connected to the base and the seat;
- (d) a first contour that extends across the width of the base, the first contour including convex portions on left and right sides of the base; and
- (e) a second contour that extends along the length of the base, the second contour including front and rear convex portions located at the front end and the back end of the base.

54. (New) The stool of claim 53 wherein the seat has a front and back corresponding to the front end and back end of the base, respectively, and first and second sides adjacent the front and back, wherein the seat is elongated from the first and second sides, wherein the seat is elongated transverse with respect to the length of the base.

55. (New) The stool of claim 54 further comprising handles positioned at the first and second sides of the seat

56. (New) The stool of claim 54 wherein the seat is contoured.

57. (New) The stool of claim 53 wherein the front end is rounded and extends upwardly.

58. (New) The stool of claim 57 wherein the base includes a non-slip bottom surface at the front end.

59. (New) The stool of claim 58 wherein the non-slip bottom surface of the base at the front end further comprises discrete protrusions.

60. (New) The stool of claim 53 further comprising a hole at the back end of the base for hanging.

61. (New) The stool of claim 53 wherein the width includes a primary width located at the back end of the base and a secondary, narrower width located at the front end of the base, the length of the base being greater than both the primary and secondary, narrower widths of the base.

62. (New) The stool of claim 61 wherein the base tapers from the primary width to the secondary, narrower width.